DEBTORS' CHAPTER 11 STATUS REPORT

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Seaton Investments, LLC, ("Seaton"), Colyton Investments, LLC ("Colyton"), Broadway Avenue Investments, LLC ("Broadway"), SLA Investments, LLC ("SLA"), and Negev Investments, LLC ("Negev," and collectively with Seaton, Colyton, Broadway, and SLA, the "Corporate Debtors"), in addition to Susan Halevy, Daniel Halevy, and Alan Gomperts (the "Individual Debtors") the debtors and debtors-in-possession in the pending jointly administered chapter 11 bankruptcy cases herein (the "Bankruptcy Cases"), hereby submit their Chapter 11 Status Report, and the supporting declarations of Alan Gomperts ("Gomperts Decl."), Derrick Talerico ("Talerico Decl."), and Zev Shechtman ("Shechtman Decl.").

CASE BACKGROUND

Voluntary petitions for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Court were filed on March 18, 2024 by the Individual Debtors and on March 19, 2024 by the Corporate Debtors. The Individual and Corporate Debtors continue to operate and manage their affairs as debtors and debtors-in-possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. No party has requested the appointment of a trustee or examiner and no committee has been appointed or designated in the Bankruptcy Cases. See Gomperts Decl. ¶ 4 and Talerico Decl. ¶ 3.

1. General

The Individual Debtors are family and operate a family business together. Debtor Susan Halevy is mother to debtor Daniel Halevy and three other non-debtor children, including Sharon Gomperts, wife of debtor Alan Gomperts. See, Gomperts Decl. ¶ 5.

Susan's husband, David Halevy (deceased), together with Daniel and Alan, and on occasion non-debtor Simon Harkham, invest in and operate real estate properties, including debtors Seaton, Broadway and SLA. Upon David Halevy's passing in 2023, his interests, to the extent they were not community property, passed to Susan via the Halevy Trust (defined below). As such, Susan

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In January 2022, behind on both the completion of their remodel and lease-up due to the impact of the extended COVID shutdown, Seaton and Colyton closed on a supplementary \$2 million loan from KDM (the "KDM Second Loan") for additional capital needed to complete work required for the issuance of a certificate of occupancy by the City of Los Angeles. In connection with the KDM Second Loan, David Halevy (now deceased, and therefore as to Susan Halevy only an in rem obligation against community assets now owned by Susan Halevy via the Halevy Trust), Daniel Halevy, and Alan Gomperts provided personal guarantees to KDM (together, the "KDM Guarantors"). See, Gomperts Decl. ¶ 15.

Unfortunately, the KDM Second Loan was not sufficient to allow Seaton and Colyton to avoid defaults caused by the COVID pandemic. Because of prolonged COVID-19 related shutdowns and work-at-home orders, and, in particular, the closure of the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (the "LADBS") and the remote work-only status of all of its plan checkers for a protracted period, LADBS building plan approvals were severely slowed and took far longer than anticipated. This, and a stagnant leasing market, led to Seaton's and Colyton's defaults on the KDM First Loan and the KDM Second Loan in 2023. See, Gomperts Decl. ¶ 16.

Seaton did eventually obtain a certificate of occupancy on the remodeled structure in January 2024. As of the Petition Date, 47% of the Seaton/Colyton Buildings are leased and negotiations are in-process for leases on the remaining 53% of the Seaton/Colyton Buildings. After hitting a market low in the fourth quarter of 2023, commercial real estate has experienced a modest recovery and the Debtors expect the market to continue to strengthen over the coming months and years. As of the Petition Date, the outstanding debt owed to KDM totals \$36,240,750 on account 52206732.1

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of the KDM First Loan and \$2,091,840 on account of the KDM Second Loan. See, Gomperts Decl. ¶ 17.

3. **Broadway**

Broadway was formed in July 2013 for the purpose of acquiring, developing, and operating the Broadway Building. Broadway's membership consists of: (1) the Halevy Trust (Susan Halevy, beneficial owner); The Gomperts Family Trust (Alan Gomperts and Sharon Gomperts, beneficial owners of community property); and (3) Daniel Halevy. See, Gomperts Decl. ¶ 18.

Broadway acquired the Broadway Building in 2013. The Broadway Building is an eightstory structure. At the time it was acquired by Broadway, only the ground floor was habitable. Broadway understands the seven higher floors had not been occupied since the 1950s. In 2015, Broadway entered into a 15-year lease with The GAP for the ground floor of the Broadway Building and developed a plan to remodel and modernize the entire Broadway Building to make every floor habitable and available to lease to commercial tenants. See, Gomperts Decl. ¶ 19.

A majority of the intensive remodel and modernization of the Broadway Building took place between 2015 and 2020. The improvements that were performed included the rehabilitation of the façade of the first three floors of the Broadway Building per the guidance of the Cultural Heritage Commission, installation of a fire and life safety system throughout the building, modernization of the elevator, installation of an HVAC system, fire pump and sprinkler system, emergency backup generator and replacement and installation of electric and plumbing systems throughout the building. In March 2020, after first confirming the full term of its lease, The GAP exercised a onetime early termination provision on its lease as the uncertainty of COVID began to take hold. See, Gomperts Decl. ¶ 20.

With an end to the remodel and modernization in sight, Broadway refinanced its outstanding loans with a single loan from Archway in July 2021, in the original principal amount of \$16,942,500 (the "Broadway Loan"). The Broadw ay Loan was guaranteed by David Halevy, Daniel Halevy, and Alan Gomperts. See, Gomperts Decl. ¶ 21.

The Broadway Loan matured on August 1, 2022. After commencing an action for breach against its guarantors and filing a notice of default to begin foreclosure on the Broadway Building, -6-52206732.1

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the parties agreed to a restructure (the "Broadway Restructure") that extended the maturity date of the Broadway Loan to December 1, 2023, affirmed the balance due under the Broadway Loan in the principal amount of \$15,241,093, and called for \$4 million in new loans (the "New Loans") from Archway to benefit the Broadway Loan and the Broadway Building. The New Loans were made via three loan agreements: (1) to Negev for \$1,300,000 (the "Negev Loan"); (2) to SLA for \$125,000 (the "SLA Loan"); and (3) jointly to David Halevy, the Halevy Trust, Alan Gomperts, the G&H Trust, and Daniel Halevy for \$2,575,000 (the "Guarantor Loan"). The Negev Loan was secured by the real property located at 12800 Foxdale Drive, Desert Hot Springs, California, and was guaranteed by David Halevy, with the guaranty secured by David Halevy's membership interests in Negev. The SLA Loan was secured by the real property located at 1040 S. Los Angeles Street and was guaranteed by David Halevy, Susan Halevy, Alan Gomperts, and Daniel Halevy, with the guarantees secured by the guarantors' membership interests in SLA. The Guarantor Loans were secured by the following real property: (1) 3538 Greenfield Avenue, Los Angeles, California (owned by the G&H Trust); (2) 133 S. Palm Drive, Beverly Hills, California (owned by the Halevy Trust); and (3) 8561 Horner Street, Los Angeles, California (owned by Daniel Halevy). The \$4 million of proceeds from the New Loans were distributed exclusively for the benefit of Archway and the Broadway Loan, with \$1,701,407.01 applied to pay down the balance of the Broadway Loan. See, Gomperts Decl. ¶ 22.

As of the Petition Date, the outstanding debt owed to Archway is \$15,663,398 on the Broadway Loan, \$1,336,020 on the Negev Loan, \$128,958 on the SLA Loan, and \$2,646,348.96 on the Guarantor Loan. See, Gomperts Decl. ¶ 23.

4. **Negev Investments, LLC**

Negev owns a motel located at 12800 Foxdale Drive, Desert Hot Springs, CA (the "Motel"). The Motel has 26-rooms with five natural spring water pools. It has been operated by Seapiper Inn, Inc. ("Seapiper") since 2014. Negev is owned by the Halevy Trust. Seapiper is not a debtor in these proceedings. Negev became a borrower of Archway by the Broadway Restructure in 2023 as set forth above. As of the Petition Date, the outstanding balance owed on the Negev Loan is \$1,336,020. See, Gomperts Decl. ¶ 24.

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5. SLA Investments, LLC

SLA was formed in 2009 for the purpose of acquiring, developing, and operating commercial real property located at 1040 S. Los Angeles Street, Los Angeles, CA ("1040 South"). As of the Petition Date, 13 of 18 spaces are leased. SLA's membership consists of: (1) the Halevy Trust; (2) the G&H Trust; (3) Daniel Halevy; and (4) Simon Harkham. SLA became a borrower of Archway by the Broadway Restructure in 2023 as set forth above. As of the Petition Date, the outstanding balance owed on the SLA Loan is \$128,958. *See*, Gomperts Decl. ¶ 25.

6. The Individual Guarantors

Susan Halevy (not directly but via her interest in the community property of David Halevy), the Halevy Trust, Alan Gomperts, the G&H Trust, and Daniel Halevy are guarantors of the Archway and KDM debt as follows:

- KDM Second Loan in the amount of \$2,091,841,² jointly and severally: the community assets of David Halevy (deceased), Alan Gomperts, and Daniel Halevy;
- Broadway Loan in the amount of \$15,663,398, jointly and severally: the community assets of David Halevy (deceased), Alan Gomperts, and Daniel Halevy;
- Negev Loan in the amount of \$1,336,020: Susan Halevy (not directly but via her sole ownership of community property);
- SLA Loan in the amount of \$125,958: David Halevy (deceased), Susan Halevy, Alan Gomperts, and Daniel Halevy. *See*, Gomperts Decl. ¶ 26.

Susan Halevy (not directly but via her interest in the community property of David Halevy), the Halevy Trust, Alan Gomperts, the G&H Trust, and Daniel Halevy are also jointly and severally liable on the Guarantor Loan, which has a balance of \$2,646,348.96 as of the Petition Date. *See*, Gomperts Decl. ¶ 27.

The commercial buildings of four of the five corporate debtors (all but Negev) are jointly managed by Daniel Halevy (daily property management through Almighty Builders, Inc.) and Alan Gomperts (financial management). *See*, Gomperts Decl. ¶ 28.

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² KDM has indicated the guaranty covers the entirety of its debt.

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II.

COMPLIANCE WITH STATUS CONFERENCE ORDER

A. <u>Estimate for Filing Disclosure Statement and Plan, and Motion to Approve Adequacy</u> of Disclosure Statement

The Debtors estimate the filing of their Joint Plan and Disclosure Statement, and Motion for Order Determining Adequacy of Disclosure Statement by June 18, 2024

B. Estimate for Filing Motion to Confirm Plan

The Debtors estimate the filing of their Motion for Order Confirming Chapter 11 Plan upon approval of their Disclosure Statement.

C. Objections to Claims

The Debtors request that the Court set a deadline for filing proofs of claims of June 14, 2024 for non-governmental parties, and September 16, 2024 for governmental units. Until the Debtors can assess the proofs of claim that are filed, the Debtors are not requesting a hearing date on objections to claims.

D. <u>Debtors' Duties</u>

The Debtors have performed all of their respective duties as debtors in possession under the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors' Schedules of Assets and Liabilities and Statement of Financial Affairs were timely filed. The Corporate Debtors filed their first Monthly Operating Reports on April 22, 2024 [Doc. Nos. 41 – 45]. The Individual Debtors were granted an extension to file their first Monthly Operating Reports to April 26, 2024 on account of the observance of religious holidays. The U. S. Trustee Seven Day packages were submitted to the U.S. Trustee's Office, and the U.S. Trustee conducted Initial Debtor Interviews with each of the Debtors. The Section 341(a) meeting for the Corporate Debtors is scheduled for May 3, 2024, commencing at 9:00 a.m. The Section 341(a) meetings for the Individual Debtors are scheduled for May 17, 2024, commencing at 9:00 a.m. See, Talerico Decl., ¶¶ 4-7; Shechtman Decl. ¶ 3.

E. <u>Post-Petition Operations</u>

i. General – Efforts to Reorganize

The Debtors are coming toward the end of the administrative requirements attendant to -9-

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ii. Individual Debtors

The Individual Debtors are proceeding with the ordinary course of their lives, incurring and paying for reasonable ordinary course expenses. Pre-petition, Daniel Halevy relied in significant measure upon income derived from his operation and management of the Corporate Debtors by and through Almighty Builders, Inc. Thus far, Almighty Builders has not received compensation for the work performed post-petition for the Corporate Debtors but the Corporate Debtors intend to file a notice of insider compensation and negotiate with their secured lenders for consent to pay Almighty Builders. Gomperts Decl. ¶ 29.

commencing the chapter 11 cases. Debtors will now turn their efforts toward their joint plan and

iii. Seaton/Colyton

Seaton and Colyton have resumed rent collection following the secured creditor's prepetition exercise of its right to collect rents under the loan documents. Seaton and Colyton continue to look to add new tenants and are working closely with AirSpa in building out their space. Seaton and Colyton have agreed with its secured lender (KDM) for the use of cash collateral for property expenses through April. Seaton and Colyton anticipate they will have a stipulation with KDM for the continued use of cash collateral. Gomperts Decl. ¶ 30.

iv. Broadway

The Broadway building remains unleased, but Broadway is in discussion with multiple parties interested in leasing the entire building. Gomperts Decl. ¶ 31.

v. SLA

SLA is managing its tenants and is in discussions to add additional tenants and is also exploring interest from a business interested in purchasing the SLA property. SLA is hopeful it can negotiate with its secured creditor (Archway) for the use of cash collateral. Gomperts Decl. ¶ 32.

vi. Negev

The motel owned by Negev currently generates income to pay for its expenses. Negev does not anticipate the property will generate sufficient profit to enable Negev to receive distributions in the near term. Gomperts Decl. ¶ 33.

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1.	Professionals	and	Fee	Budget

The Corporate Debtors filed their application ("WZTS Application") to employ Weintraub Zolkin Talerico & Selth LLP ("WZTS") as the Corporate Debtors general bankruptcy counsel and the accompanying Notice of Application [Doc. No. 36] on April 19, 2024 [Doc. No.35]. Service of the Notice of Application (which included a copy of the WZTS Application) was made via U.S. Mail to all creditors of the Corporate Debtors, and to the registered NEF parties in the jointly administered Bankruptcy Cases. The last day for objections to the WZTS Application is May 3, 2024 for NEF parties, and May 6, 2024 for parties served via U.S. Mail. *See* Talerico Decl. ¶ 8.

Attached to the Talerico Decl. as **Exhibit 1** is the WZTS Professional Compensation Reimbursement Budget ("WZTS Budget"). As set forth in the Talerico Decl., a copy of the WZTS Budget was served upon the Corporate Debtors on April 25, 2024. *See* Talerico Decl. ¶ 9.

The Individual Debtors filed their application and notice of application ("Saul Ewing Application") to employ Saul Ewing LLP ("Saul Ewing") as the Individual Debtors general bankruptcy counsel on April 5, 2024 [Doc. No. 23]. Service of the notice of the Saul Ewing Application was made via U.S. Mail to all creditors of the Individual Debtors, and to the registered NEF parties in the jointly administered Bankruptcy Cases. The last day for objections to the Saul Ewing Application has passed, and no objections have been filed or received by counsel. *See* Declaration that No Party Requested a Hearing [Doc. No. 46]. Shechtman Decl. ¶ 4

Attached to the Shechtman Decl. as **Exhibit 2** is the Saul Ewing Professional Compensation and Fee Budget ("Saul Budget"). As set forth in the Shechtman Declaration, a copy of the Saul Budget was served upon the Individual Debtors on April 25, 2024. *See* Shechtman Decl. ¶ 5 and Gomperts Decl. ¶ 34.

Dated: April 25, 2024 WEINTRAUB ZOLKIN TALERICO & SELTH LLP

By: /s/ Derrick Talerico

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DECLARATION OF ALAN D. GOMPERTS

I, Alan D. Gomperts, hereby declare as follows:

- 1. I am the managing member of Seaton Investments, LLC, Broadway Avenue Investments, LLC, and SLA Investments, LLC, and the authorized representative of Colyton Investments, LLC and Negev Investments, LLC, the corporate debtors and debtors in possession herein.
- 2. I make this declaration in support of the *Corporate Debtors Chapter 11 Status Report* (the "Status Report"), to which this declaration is attached. All capitalized terms not specifically defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Status Report.
- 3. I have been intimately involved in the business investment and ventures with my brother-in-law Daniel Halevy, mother-in-law Susan Halevy, and now deceased father-in-law David Halevy for decades, including all of the corporate Debtors implicated by this Motion. As such, I am familiar with the management, operations, finances, and books and records of the corporate Debtors specifically and generally as to Susan Halevy and Daniel Halevy as they relate to the corporate Debtors.
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combined projected value to be \$64.4 million as of February 17, 2021 (upon completion of upgrades) and \$70.2 million as of August 17, 2021 (stabilized).

- 15. In January 2022, behind on both the completion of their remodel and lease-up due to the impact of the extended COVID shutdown, Seaton and Colyton closed on a supplementary \$2 million loan from KDM (the "KDM Second Loan") for additional capital needed to complete work required for the issuance of a certificate of occupancy by the City of Los Angeles. In connection with the KDM Second Loan David Halevy (now deceased, and therefore as to Susan Halevy only an in rem obligation against community assets now owned by Susan Halevy via the Halevy Trust), Daniel Halevy, and I provided personal guarantees to KDM (together, the "KDM Guarantors").
- 16. Unfortunately, the KDM Second Loan was not sufficient to allow Seaton and Colyton to avoid defaults caused by the COVID pandemic. Because of prolonged COVID-19 related shutdowns and work-at-home orders, and, in particular, the closure of the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (the "LADBS") and the remote work-only status of all of its plan checkers for a protracted period, LADBS building plan approvals were severely slowed and took far longer than anticipated. This, and a stagnant leasing market, led to Seaton's and Colyton's defaults on the KDM First Loan and the KDM Second Loan in 2023.
- 17. Seaton did eventually obtain a certificate of occupancy on the remodeled structure in January 2024. As of the Petition Date, 47% of the Seaton/Colyton Buildings are leased and negotiations are in-process for leases on the remaining 53% of the Seaton/Colyton Buildings. After hitting a market low in the fourth quarter of 2023, commercial real estate has experienced a modest recovery and the Debtors expect the market to continue to strengthen over the coming months and years. As of the Petition Date, the outstanding debt owed to KDM totals \$36,240,750 on account of the KDM First Loan and \$2,091,840 on account of the KDM Second Loan.
- 18. Broadway was formed in July 2013 for the purpose of acquiring, developing, and operating the Broadway Building. Broadway's membership consists of: (1) the Halevy Trust (Susan Halevy, beneficial owner); The Gomperts Family Trust (of which my wife Sharon Gomperts and I are beneficial owners of community property); and (3) Daniel Halevy.

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- 19. Broadway acquired the Broadway Building in 2013. The Broadway Building is an eight-story structure. At the time it was acquired by Broadway only the ground floor was habitable. Broadway understands the seven higher floors had not been occupied since the 1950s. In 2015, Broadway entered into a 15-year lease with The GAP for the ground floor of the Broadway Building and developed a plan to remodel and modernize the entire Broadway Building to make every floor habitable and available to lease to commercial tenants.
- 20. A majority of the intensive remodel and modernization of the Broadway Building took place between 2015 and 2020. The improvements that were performed included the rehabilitation of the façade of the first three floors of the Broadway Building per the guidance of the Cultural Heritage Commission, installation of a fire and life safety system throughout the building, modernization of the elevator, installation of an HVAC system, fire pump and sprinkler system, emergency backup generator and replacement and installation of electric and plumbing systems throughout the building. In March 2020, after first confirming the full term of its lease, The GAP exercised a one-time early termination provision on its lease as the uncertainty of COVID began to take hold.
- 21. With an end to the remodel and modernization in sight, Broadway refinanced its outstanding loans with a single loan from Archway in July 2021, in the original principal amount of \$16,942,500 (the "Broadway Loan"). The Broadway Loan was guaranteed by David Halevy, Daniel Halevy, and me.
- 22. The Broadway Loan matured on August 1, 2022. After commencing an action for breach against its guarantors and filing a notice of default to begin foreclosure on the Broadway Building, the parties agreed to a restructure (the "Broadway Restructure") that extended the maturity date of the Broadway Loan to December 1, 2023, affirmed the balance due under the Broadway Loan in the principal amount of \$15,241,093, and called for \$4 million in new loans (the "New Loans") from Archway to benefit the Broadway Loan and the Broadway Building. The New Loans were made via three loan agreements: (1) to Negev for \$1,300,000 (the "Negev Loan"); (2) to SLA for \$125,000 (the "SLA Loan"); and (3) jointly to David Halevy, the Halevy Trust, the G&H Trust, Daniel Halevy and me for \$2,575,000 (the "Guarantor Loan"). The Negev Loan was -17-52206732.1

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secured by the real property located at 12800 Foxdale Drive, Desert Hot Springs, California, and was guaranteed by David Halevy, with the guaranty secured by David Halevy's membership interests in Negev. The SLA Loan was secured by the real property located at 1040 S. Los Angeles Street and was guaranteed by David Halevy, Susan Halevy, Daniel Halevy and me, with the guarantees secured by the guarantors' membership interests in SLA. The Guarantor Loans were secured by the following real property: (1) 3538 Greenfield Avenue, Los Angeles, California (owned by the G&H Trust); (2) 133 S. Palm Drive, Beverly Hills, California (owned by the Halevy Trust); and (3) 8561 Horner Street, Los Angeles, California (owned by Daniel Halevy). The \$4 million of proceeds from the New Loans were distributed exclusively for the benefit of Archway and the Broadway Loan, with \$1,701,407.01 applied to pay down the balance of the Broadway Loan.

- 23. As of the Petition Date, the outstanding debt owed to Archway is \$15,663,398 on the Broadway Loan, \$1,336,020 on the Negev Loan, \$128,958 on the SLA Loan, and \$2,646,348.96 on the Guarantor Loan.
- 24. Negev owns a motel located at 12800 Foxdale Drive, Desert Hot Springs, CA (the "Motel"). The Motel has 26-rooms with five natural spring water pools. It has been operated by Seapiper Inn, Inc. ("Seapiper") since 2014. Negev is owned by the Halevy Trust. Seapiper is not a debtor in these proceedings. Negev became a borrower of Archway by the Broadway Restructure in 2023 as set forth above. As of the Petition Date, the outstanding balance owed on the Negev Loan is \$1,336,020.
- 25. SLA was formed in 2009 for the purpose of acquiring, developing, and operating commercial real property located at 1040 S. Los Angeles Street, Los Angeles, CA ("1040 South"). As of the Petition Date, 13 of 18 spaces are leased. SLA's membership consists of: (1) the Halevy Trust; (2) the G&H Trust; (3) Daniel Halevy; and (4) Simon Harkham. SLA became a borrower of Archway by the Broadway Restructure in 2023 as set forth above. As of the Petition Date, the outstanding balance owed on the SLA Loan is \$128,958.

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- 26. Susan Halevy (not directly but via her interest in the community property of David Halevy), the Halevy Trust, the G&H Trust, Daniel Halevy and I are guarantors of the Archway and KDM debt as follows:
 - KDM Second Loan in the amount of \$2,091,841,3 jointly and severally: the community assets of David Halevy (deceased), Daniel Halevy and me;
 - Broadway Loan in the amount of \$15,663,398, jointly and severally: the community assets of David Halevy (deceased), Daniel Halevy and me;
 - Negev Loan in the amount of \$1,336,020: Susan Halevy (not directly but via her sole ownership of community property);
 - SLA Loan in the amount of \$125,958: David Halevy (deceased), Susan Halevy, Daniel Halevy and me.
- 27. Susan Halevy (not directly but via her interest in the community property of David Halevy), the Halevy Trust, the G&H Trust, Daniel Halevy and I are also jointly and severally liable on the Guarantor Loan, which has a balance of \$2,646,348.96 as of the Petition Date.
- 28. The commercial buildings of four of the five corporate debtors (all but Negev) are jointly managed by Daniel Halevy (daily property management through Almighty Builders, Inc.) and me (financial management).
- 29. The Individual Debtors are proceeding with the ordinary course of their lives, incurring and paying for reasonable ordinary course expenses. Pre-petition, Daniel Halevy relied in significant measure upon income derived from his operation and management of the Corporate Debtors by and through Almighty Builders, Inc. Thus far, Almighty Builders has not received compensation for the work performed post-petition for the Corporate Debtors but the Corporate Debtors intend to file a notice of insider compensation and negotiate with their secured lenders for consent to pay Almighty Builders.
- 30. Seaton and Colyton have resumed rent collection following the secured creditor's pre-petition exercise of its right to collect rents under the loan documents. Seaton and Colyton

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DECLARATION OF DERRICK TALERICO

I, Derrick Talerico, hereby declare as follows:

- 1. I am an attorney duly admitted to practice law in the state of California and am admitted inter alia to the United States District Court for the Central District of California, and therefore to practice in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein and knowledge based on business records of my law practice and of my law firm Weintraub Zolkin Talerico & Selth LLP (the "Firm").
- 2. I submit this Declaration in support of the *Corporate Debtors Chapter 11 Status Report* (the "Status Report"), to which this declaration is attached. All capitalized terms not specifically defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Status Report.
- 3. Voluntary petitions for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Court were filed on March 18, 2024, by Susan Halevy, Daniel Halevy and Alan Gomperts (collectively, the "Individual Debtors") and on March 19, 2024 (the "Corporate Petition Date"), The Individual and Corporate Debtors continue to operate and manage their affairs as debtors and debtors-in-possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. No party has requested the appointment of a trustee or examiner and no committee has been appointed or designated in the Bankruptcy Cases.
- 4. On April 9, 2024, the Corporate Debtors filed their Schedules of Assets and Liabilities and Statement of Financial Affairs in their respective Bankruptcy Cases.
- 5. The Corporate Debtors first Monthly Operating Reports were filed on April 22, 2024 [Doc. Nos. 41-45].
- 6. The Seven Day packages were submitted to the U.S. Trustee's Office on March 29, 2024, and I appeared with Mr. Gomperts at the Initial Debtor Interviews on April 9, 2024.
- 7. The Section 341(a) meeting for the Corporate Debtors is scheduled for May 3, 2024, commencing at 9:00 a.m.
- 8. The Application to employ WZTS as the Corporate Debtors general bankruptcy counsel (the "WZTS Application") and the accompanying Notice of Application were filed on -21-

April 19, 2024. Service of the Notice of Application (which included a copy of the WZTS
Application) was made via U.S. Mail to all creditors of the Corporate Debtors, and to the registered
NEF parties in the jointly administered Bankruptcy Cases. The last day for objections to the WZTS
Application is May 3, 2024 for NEF parties, and May 6, 2024 for parties served via U.S. Mail.

9. Pursuant to the Scheduling Order, I have prepared the Budget, which is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**. The Budget is based upon discussions with Mr. Gomperts, and counsel for the Individual Debtors, and based upon information available to me at this time. It is difficult to predict and quantify the services that may be required in these cases, and there may be unforeseen circumstances that significantly alter the underlying assumptions used to generate the Budget. As such, the Budget is subject to revision at a future date, based upon unforeseen circumstances that generally arise in all chapter 11 cases. A copy of the WZTS Budget is being provided to each of the Corporate Debtors.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on this 25th day of April, 2024, at Los Angeles, California.

/s/ Derrick Talerico
Derrick Talerico

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EXHIBIT 1

WZTS Budget

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PROFESSIONAL COMPENSATION REIMBURSEMENT BUDGET

Case Numbers: 2:24-bk-12079-VZ; 2:24-bk-12080-VZ; 2:24-bk-12081-VZ; 2:24-bk-12082-VZ; 2:24-bk-12091-VZ

Case Names: Seaton Investments, LLC; Colyton Investments, LLC; Broadway Avenue Investments, LLC; SLA Investments, LLC; and

Negev Investments, LLC

Date Commenced: March 19, 2024

Applicant Name: Derrick Talerico

Applicant Firm: Weintraub Zolkin Talerico & Selth LLP

Location: Los Angeles, CA 90025

Type of Services: Bankruptcy counsel for the Corporate Debtors for all matters.

Category: B110 - Case Administration

Professional Name / Type	Rate	Seaton	Colyton	Broadway	SLA	Negev	Total	
Derrick Talerico / Partner	\$625	25	25	15	4	4	\$45,625	
David B. Zolkin / Partner	\$650						\$0	
Martha Araki / Paralegal	\$250	20	20	15	8	8	\$17,750	
Sachie Fritz / Practice Assistance	\$175	4	4	4	2	2	\$2,800	
Expenses & Costs:	Copying:						\$0	
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Total for Category:							\$66,175	

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Category:	B111 - US Trustee Requirements
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Professional Name / Type	Rate	Seaton	Colyton	Broadway	SLA	Negev	Total	
Derrick Talerico / Partner	\$625	15	15	10	5	5	\$31,250	
David B. Zolkin / Partner	\$650						\$0	
Martha Araki / Paralegal	\$250	30	30	20	8	5	\$23,250	
Sachie Fritz / Practice Assistance	\$175	5	5	5	5	5	\$4,375	
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Category: B112 - Case Budgeting

Professional Name / Type	Rate	Seaton	Colyton	Broadway	SLA	Negev	Total	
Derrick Talerico / Partner	\$625	1	1	1	0.5	0.5	\$2,500	
David B. Zolkin / Partner	\$650						\$0	
Martha Araki / Paralegal	\$250						\$0	
Sachie Fritz / Practice Assistance	\$175						\$0	
Expenses & Costs:	Copying:						\$0	
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Total for Category:							\$2,500	

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Category:	B120 - Asset Analysis & Recovery
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Professional Name / Type	Rate	Seaton	Colyton	Broadway	SLA	Negev	Total
Derrick Talerico / Partner	\$625						\$0
David B. Zolkin / Partner	\$650						\$0
Martha Araki / Paralegal	\$250						\$0
Sachie Fritz / Practice Assistance	\$175						\$0
Expenses & Costs:	Copying:						\$0
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Total for Category:							\$0

Category: B125 - Valuation

Professional Name / Type	Rate	Seaton	Colyton	Broadway	SLA	Negev	Total	
Derrick Talerico / Partner	\$625	10	10	10	5	5	\$25,000	
David B. Zolkin / Partner	\$650						\$0	
Martha Araki / Paralegal	\$250	5	5	5	2	2	\$4,750	
Sachie Fritz / Practice Assistance	\$175						\$0	
Expenses & Costs:	Copying:						\$0	
	Postage:						\$0	
Total for Category:							\$29,750	

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Category:	B130 - Asset Disposition
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Professional Name / Type	Rate	Seaton	Colyton	Broadway	SLA	Negev	Total
Derrick Talerico / Partner	\$625						\$0
David B. Zolkin / Partner	\$650						\$0
Martha Araki / Paralegal	\$250						\$0
Sachie Fritz / Practice Assistance	\$175						\$0
Expenses & Costs:	Copying:						\$0
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Total for Category:							\$0

Category: B140 - Relief from Stay / Adequate Protection Proceedings

Professional Name / Type	Rate	Seaton	Colyton	Broadway	SLA	Negev	Total
Derrick Talerico / Partner	\$625						\$0
David B. Zolkin / Partner	\$650						\$0
Martha Araki / Paralegal	\$250						\$0
Sachie Fritz / Practice Assistance	\$175						\$0
Expenses & Costs:	Copying:						\$0
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Category: B'	150 - Meetings of and	d Communications	with Creditors
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Professional Name / Type	Rate	Seaton	Colyton	Broadway	SLA	Negev	Total	
Derrick Talerico / Partner	\$625	5	5	5	1	1	\$10,625	
David B. Zolkin / Partner	\$650						\$0	
Martha Araki / Paralegal	\$250						\$0	
Sachie Fritz / Practice Assistance	\$175						\$0	
Expenses & Costs:	Copying:						\$0	
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Total for Category:							\$10,625	

Category: B160 - Fee/Employment Applications

Professional Name / Type	Rate	Seaton	Colyton	Broadway	SLA	Negev	Total	
Derrick Talerico / Partner	\$625	2	2	2	2	2	\$6,250	
David B. Zolkin / Partner	\$650	2	2	2	2	2	\$6,500	
Martha Araki / Paralegal	\$250	15	15	15	8	8	\$15,250	
Sachie Fritz / Practice Assistance	\$175						\$0	
Expenses & Costs:	Copying:						\$0	
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Total for Category:							\$28,000	

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Category:	B161 - Empl	ovment/Com	pensation of Others

Professional Name / Type	Rate	Seaton	Colyton	Broadway	SLA	Negev	Total
Derrick Talerico / Partner	\$625	3	3	3	1	1	\$6,875
David B. Zolkin / Partner	\$650						\$0
Martha Araki / Paralegal	\$250						\$0
Sachie Fritz / Practice Assistance	\$175						\$0
Expenses & Costs:	Copying:						\$0
	Postage:						\$0
Total for Category:							\$6,875

Category: B185 - Leases and Executory Contracts

Professional Name / Type	Rate	Seaton	Colyton	Broadway	SLA	Negev	Total	
Derrick Talerico / Partner	\$625	15	15	20	5	5	\$37,500	
David B. Zolkin / Partner	\$650						\$0	
Martha Araki / Paralegal	\$250						\$0	
Sachie Fritz / Practice Assistance	\$175						\$0	
Expenses & Costs:	Copying:						\$0	
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Total for Category:							\$37,500	

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Category:	B190 - Other Contested Matters
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Professional Name / Type	Rate	Seaton	Colyton	Broadway	SLA	Negev	Total
Derrick Talerico / Partner	\$625						\$0
David B. Zolkin / Partner	\$650						\$0
Martha Araki / Paralegal	\$250						\$0
Sachie Fritz / Practice Assistance	\$175						\$0
Expenses & Costs:	Copying:						\$0
	Postage:						\$0
Total for Category:							\$0

Category: B200 - Hearings

Professional Name / Type	Rate	Seaton	Colyton	Broadway	SLA	Negev	Total
Derrick Talerico / Partner	\$625	10	10	10	5	5	\$25,000
David B. Zolkin / Partner	\$650						\$0
Martha Araki / Paralegal	\$250						\$0
Sachie Fritz / Practice Assistance	\$175						\$0
Expenses & Costs:	Copying:						\$0
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Total for Category:							\$25,000

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Professional Name / Type	Rate	Seaton	Colyton	Broadway	SLA	Negev	Total	
Derrick Talerico / Partner	\$625	10	10	10	2	2	\$21,250	_
David B. Zolkin / Partner	\$650						\$0	
Martha Araki / Paralegal	\$250						\$0	
Sachie Fritz / Practice Assistance	\$175						\$0	
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Category: B211 - Utilities

Professional Name / Type	Rate	Seaton	Colyton	Broadway	SLA	Negev	Total	
Derrick Talerico / Partner	\$625						\$0	
David B. Zolkin / Partner	\$650	5	5	5	5		\$13,000	
Martha Araki / Paralegal	\$250						\$0	
Sachie Fritz / Practice Assistance	\$175						\$0	
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Professional Name / Type	Rate	Seaton	Colyton	Broadway	SLA	Negev	Total	
Derrick Talerico / Partner	\$625	15	15	3	10		\$26,875	
David B. Zolkin / Partner	\$650						\$0	
Martha Araki / Paralegal	\$250						\$0	
Sachie Fritz / Practice Assistance	\$175						\$0	
Expenses & Costs:	Copying:						\$0	
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Total for Category:							\$26,875	

Category: B231 - Secured Creditor Disputes / Matters

Professional Name / Type	Rate	Seaton	Colyton	Broadway	SLA	Negev	Total
Derrick Talerico / Partner	\$625	12	12	12	5	5	\$28,750
David B. Zolkin / Partner	\$650	5	5	5	2	2	\$12,350
Martha Araki / Paralegal	\$250						\$0
Sachie Fritz / Practice Assistance	\$175						\$0
Expenses & Costs:	Copying:						\$0
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Total for Category:							\$41,100

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Professional Name / Type	Rate	Seaton	Colyton	Broadway	SLA	Negev	Total
Derrick Talerico / Partner	\$625		•	-			\$0
David B. Zolkin / Partner	\$650						\$0
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Category: B320 - Plan and Disclosure Statement

Professional Name / Type	Rate	Seaton	Colyton	Broadway	SLA	Negev	Total	
Derrick Talerico / Partner	\$625	30	30	30	10	10	\$68,750	
David B. Zolkin / Partner	\$650	10	10	10	5	5	\$26,000	
Martha Araki / Paralegal	\$250	20	20	20	5	5	\$17,500	
Sachie Fritz / Practice Assistance	\$175						\$0	
Expenses & Costs:	Copying:						\$0	
	Postage:						\$0	
Total for Category:							\$112,250	

DECLARATION OF ZEV SHECHTMAN

I, Zev Shechtman, hereby declare as follows:

- 1. I am an attorney duly admitted to practice law in the state of California and am admitted, *inter alia*, to the United States District Court for the Central District of California, and therefore am authorized to practice in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein and knowledge based on business records of my law practice and of my law firm Saul Ewing LLP (the "Firm").
- 2. I submit this Declaration in support of the *Chapter 11 Status Report* (the "<u>Status Report</u>"), to which this declaration is attached. All capitalized terms not specifically defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Status Report.
- 3. The Individual Debtors have performed all of their respective duties as debtors in possession under the Bankruptcy Code. The Individual Debtors' Schedules of Assets and Liabilities and Statement of Financial Affairs were timely filed. The Individual Debtors were granted an extension to file their first Monthly Operating Reports to April 26, 2024 on account of the observance of religious holidays. The U. S. Trustee Seven Day packages were submitted to the U.S. Trustee's Office, and the U.S. Trustee conducted Initial Debtor Interviews with each of the Individual Debtors. The Section 341(a) meeting for the Individual Debtors is scheduled for May 17, 2024, commencing at 9:00 a.m.
- 4. The Application ("Saul Ewing Application") to employ Saul Ewing LLP ("Saul Ewing") as the Individual Debtors' general bankruptcy counsel was filed on April 5, 2024. Service of the notice of the Saul Ewing Application was made via U.S. Mail to all creditors of the Individual Debtors, and to the registered NEF parties in the jointly administered Bankruptcy Cases. The last day for objections to the Saul Ewing Application has passed, and no objections have been filed or received by counsel.
- 5. Pursuant to the Scheduling Order, I have prepared the Saul Budget, which is attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**. The Saul Budget is based upon discussions with Mr. Gomperts, and counsel for the Corporate Debtors, and based upon information available to me at this time. It is difficult to predict and quantify the services that may be required in these cases, and there 52206732.1

may be unforeseen circumstances that significantly alter the underlying assumptions used to generate the Budget. As such, the Budget is subject to revision at a future date, based upon unforeseen circumstances that generally arise in all chapter 11 cases. A copy of the Saul Budget is being provided to each of the Individual Debtors.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on this 25th day of April, 2024, at Los Angeles, California.

Zev Shechtman

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EXHIBIT 2

Saul Budget

Case Numbers: 2:24-bk-12074-VZ; 2:24-bk-12075-VZ; 2:24-bk-12076-VZ

Case Name: Alan Gomperts, Daniel Halevy and Susan Halevy

Date Commenced: 3/25/2024

Applicant Name:Zev ShechtmanApplicant Firm:Saul Ewing LLP

Location: Los Angeles, CA 90067

Type of Services: Bankruptcy counsel for the Individual Debtors for all matters.

Category B110 - Case Administration

(inclusive of US Trustee Requirements)

Name and/or Type	Hourly Rate (\$/hr)	Hours	Total
Zev Shechtman Partner	\$725.00	40	\$29,000.00
Carol Chow Counsel	\$640.00	20	\$12,800.00
Turner Falk Associate	\$430.00	80	\$34,400.00
		Total for Category	\$76,200.00

Category: B150 - Meetings of and Communications with Creditors

Name and/or Type	Hourly Rate (\$/hr)	Hours	Total
Zev Shechtman Partner	\$725.00	10	\$7,250.00
Carol Chow Counsel	\$640.00	5	\$3,200.00
Turner Falk Associate	\$430.00	10	\$4,300.00
		Total for Category	\$14,750.00

Category: B160 - Fee/Employment Applications

Name and/or Type	Hourly Rate (\$/hr)	Hours	Total
Zev Shechtman Partner	\$725.00	5	\$3,625.00
Carol Chow Counsel	\$640.00	2	\$1,280.00
Turner Falk Associate	\$430.00	25	\$10,750.00
		Total for Category	\$15,655.00

Name and/or Type	Hourly Rate (\$/hr)	Hours	Total
Zev Shechtman Partner	\$725.00	25	\$18,125.00
Carol Chow Counsel	\$640.00	10	\$6,400.00
Turner Falk Associate	\$430.00	40	\$17,200.00
		Total for Category	\$41,725.00
Category:	B320 - Plan and Dis	sclosure Statement	
			Total
Name and/or Type	Hourly Rate (\$/hr)	cclosure Statement Hours 20	Total \$14,500.00
Category: Name and/or Type Zev Shechtman Partner Carol Chow Counsel		Hours	Total \$14,500.00 \$6,400.00
Name and/or Type Yev Shechtman Partner	Hourly Rate (\$/hr) \$725.00	Hours 20	\$14,500.00

PROOF OF SERVICE OF DOCUMENT

I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding. My business address is: 11766 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 730, Los Angeles, CA 90025

A true and correct copy of the foregoing document entitled (specify): **DEBTORS CHAPTER 11 STATUS REPORT**; е

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The Honorable Vince United States Bankru 255 E Temple St Sui Los Angeles, CA 900	uptcy Court ite 1360	personal delivery)
		☐ Service information continued on attached page
I declare under pena	lty of perjury under the laws of	the United States that the foregoing is true and correct.
April 25, 2024	Martha E. Araki	/s/ Martha E. Araki
Date	Printed Name	Signature

Seaton Investments, LLC - Jointly Administered

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